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SUBJ: EIGHT DIE IN JAFFNA DISTURBANCE

1. PRESS SOURCES CONFIRM THAT EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN STAMPEDE AT MASS MEETING IN JAFFNA ON JAN 10, LAST DAY OF INTERNATIONAL TAMIL RESEARCH CONFERENCE. STAMPEDE REPORTEDLY RESULTED FROM BATON CHARGE BY POLICE ON CROWD WHICH HAD BECOME RESTLESS FOLLOWING INFLAMMATORY ADDRESS BY MILITANT TAMIL SPEAKER. IN ENSUING MELEE DOZENS OF CARS WERE DAMAGED, BUSES WERE BURNED, AND MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING POLICEMEN, WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

2. REPORTS ON INCIDENT ARE STILL FRAGMENTARY AND GSL'S REACTION REMAINS UNCERTAIN. GPCEN CONTEXT OF DELICATE COMMUNAL SITUATION AND FACT THAT DEATH TOLL IN THIS POLICE/PUBLIC CLASH IS UNPRECEDENTED IN RECENT CEYLONESE HISTORY, REPERCUSSIONS COULD BE SERIOUS.
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